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VIA ECFS

June 27, 2017

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, SW Room TW-A325 Washington, DC 20554

RE: Prairie Grove Telephone Company, SAC 401718
Submission of FCC Form 481 Annual Report
WC Docket No. 14-58 - ETC Annual Reports and Certifications

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with the annual reporting requirements of 47 C.F.R. §§54.313 and 54.422, Prairie Grove Telephone Company ("the Company"), Study Area Code 401718, hereby files its FCC Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form. The version of the Company's FCC Form 481 submitted via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) is a redacted version of the filing that contains no confidential information.

Section 3005 of FCC Form 481 requires privately-held rate-of-return carriers receiving high cost support to attach a full and complete annual report of the company's financial condition and operations pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313(f)(2). Prairie Grove Telephone Company, by its authorized representative, hereby seeks confidential treatment of its financial annual report pursuant to the March 22, 2016 *Protective Order* in WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58.¹ The *Protective Order* specifically covers the information required by 47 C.F.R. §54.313(f)(2).

Prairie Grove Telephone Company is providing to the Office of the Secretary, under seal, this cover letter and the FCC Form 481 filing which includes the confidential information that is being requested to be withheld from public inspection.

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Moss Adams LLP. Wealth management offered through
Moss Adams Wealth Advisors LLC. Investment banking
offered through Moss Adams Capital LLC.

¹ Connect America Fund, ETC Annual Reports and Certifications, WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58, Protective Order, 31 FCC Rcd 2089 (2016).

Each page of the Company's financial annual report and the financial summary page on the FCC Form 481 bear the legend, "CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION – SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION."

The confidential information has also been submitted to the Universal Service Administrative Company through its E-File system as attachments to the FCC Form 481.

In the filing submitted via the ECFS, all pages containing confidential information bear the legend "REDACTED – FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION."

This cover letter includes no confidential information and the text is the same in both the non-redacted and redacted versions except for the confidentiality markings.

The FCC Form 481 has also been filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company and with the relevant state commissions and Tribal governments, as appropriate.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Lynette Hampton

Authorized Representative for Prairie Grove Telephone Company

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cc:

Attachments

Mr. Rick Reed, Prairie Grove Telephone Company

FCC For	rm 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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	Form Type	54.313 and 54.422	

(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)	FCC Form 481
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<210>	> For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service outages?											
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	NORS Reference	Outage Start	Outage Start	Outage End	Outage End	Number of		911 Facilities	Service Outage	Did This Outage Affect Multiple		
	Number	Date	Time	Date	Time	Customers Affected	Total Number of	Affected	Description (Check	Study Areas	Service Outage	Preventative
							Customers	(Yes / No)	all that apply)	(Yes / No)	Resolution	Procedures

NORS Reference Number	Outage Start Date	Outage Start Time	Outage End Date	Outage End Time	Number of Customers Affected	Total Number of Customers	911 Facilities Affected (Yes / No)	Service Outage Description (Check all that apply)	Did This Outage Affect Multiple Study Areas (Yes / No)	Service Outage Resolution	Preventative Procedures
											
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<310> [Detail on attempts (voice)					
		Name of Attached Document				
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(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers	FCC Form 481
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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice calendar year for each service area in which any facilities you own, operate, lease, or or	e telephony service in the prior Offered only fixed voice h you are designated an ETC for
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed v	oice 0.0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile	e voice
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate end-user customer complaints (zero or greathe prior calendar year for each service are an ETC for any facilities you own, operate,	eater) for broadband service in Offered only fixed broadband ea in which you are designated
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed b	proadband 0.0
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, ,	npliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules ection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer pr	otection rules Yes	
		401718AR510.pdf	
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Ru	ules Compliance	
<515>	Certify compliance with applicable minimum service standards		

	unctionality in Emergency Situations Ollection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes	
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	401718AR610.pdf	

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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(710) Broadbrand Price Offerings	FCC Form 481
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-	State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rate and Fees	Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)	Broadband Service - Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached {select }
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(800) Operating Companies		FCC Form 481	
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Prairie Grove Telephone Company	
<811>	Holding Company	D D & B, Inc.	
<812>	Operating Company	Prairie Grove Telephone Company	

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(900) Tribal Lands Reporting	FCC Form 481
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<900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N)	No
<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves	
<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation	Name of Attached Document
If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:	Select Yes or No or Not Applicable
<921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions. <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning; <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner; <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.	

	oice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability lection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<1000>	Voice services rate comparability certification	Yes	es
<1010>	Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance	4017	718AR1010.pdf
			Name of Attached Document
<1020>	Broadband comparability certification		s - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by e Wireline Competition Bureau
<1030>	Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance	4017	718AR1030.pdf
			Name of Attached Document

-	o Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting lection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<039> <1100>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)	treed@pgtc.com Yes	
<1130>	Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).	kbps	

Lifeline	erms and Condition for Lifeline Customers ection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<1210>	Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans	
		Name of Attached Document
<1220>	Link to Public Website HTTP	www.pgtc.com/?q=residential-telephone
or the we	heck these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, obsite listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to (a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must report:	
<1221>	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,	
<1222>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	
<1223>	Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.	

Data Coll	rice Cap Carrier Additional Documentation lection Form Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

<2011>	3rd Year Certification 47 CFR §54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 2017 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support.		
<2022>	Recipient certifies, representing year three after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4		
<2023>	Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only. The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.		
<2024A>	Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?		
<2024B>	Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
<2025A>	Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?		
<2025B>	Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 2 for year three) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-73, paragraph 35 (May 22, 2013).	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)		

Data Collection Fo	Carrier Additional Documentation orm Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013		
<2016>	p Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)} Certification support used to build broadband America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}			
<2017A>	Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?			
<2017C>	Total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2016.			
<2018>	Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(A)	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information		
<2019>	Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(C)			

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation	FCC Form 481
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Select from the drop down menu or check the boxes below to note compliance with 54.313(f)(1). Privately held carriers must ensure compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)							
		Y	es - Ati	tach Certific	ation			
(3010A)	Certification of Public Interest Obligations {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}				401718AR	3010.pdf		
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Docu Information	ıment Lis	ting Required			 	
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}	No - No New Community	Anchors				 	_
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Docu Information	ıment Lis	ting Required				
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}	(Yes/No)	O	0				
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	O	•				
(3015)	Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires: Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)							
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows						 	
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Docu Information	ıment Lis	ting Required			 	
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:	(Yes/No)	•	0				
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers			<i>V</i>				
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows			<i>V</i>				
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:			~				
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers							
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant							
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.							
(3025)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows				401710	AD2026 ~45		
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Docu Information	ıment Lis	ting Required	1401/18	AR3026.pdf		

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(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)	FCC Form 481
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Financial Data Summary
(3027) Revenue
(3028) Operating Expenses
(3029) Net Income
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)
(3031) Total Assets
(3032) Total Debt
(3033) Total Equity
(3034) Dividends

(4005) Rural Broadband Experiment Additional Documentation Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations - FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

speed and data usage allowances available in the

relevant geographic area.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients

I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.

Name of Reporting Carrier:

Signature of Authorized Officer:

Date

Printed name of Authorized Officer:

Title or position of Authorized Officer:

Telephone number of Authorized Officer:

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I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>Moss Adams LLP</u> also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my respondagent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data p	is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I sibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized vided to the authorized agent is accurate.
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Name of Reporting Carrier: PRAIRIE GROVE TEL CO	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date: 06/15/2017
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Rick Reed	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: General Manager & Se	Trea
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Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Be	ehalf of Reportin	g Carrier
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients	on behalf of the re	porting carrier; I have provided
the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported		
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Name of Authorized Agent Firm: Moss Adams LLP		
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date:	06/15/2017
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	AR	ALL	59.9	0.0	59.9	20.0	1.0	999999.0	Other, No Limit on Usage Allowance
	AR	ALL	54.9	0.0	54.9	10.0	2.0	999999.0	Other, No Limit on Usage Allowance
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	AR	ALL	84.9	0.0	84.9	35.0	5.0	999999.0	Other, No Limit on Usage Allowance
	AR	ALL	94.9	0.0	94.9	50.0	10.0	999999.0	Other, No Limit on Usage Allowance
	AR	ALL	29.9	0.0	29.9	20.0	20.0	999999.0	Other, No Limit on Usage Allowance
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	Allcom Communications		Zing Broadband
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LINE 510 - SERVICE QUALITY STANDARDS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION RULES COMPLIANCE

Prairie Grove Telephone Company ("the Company") complies with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules for its voice and broadband services.

The rates, terms, and conditions under which the Company operates are outlined in its local exchange tariff, which is approved by the Arkansas Public Service Commission ("AR PSC"). The tariff contains provisions regarding the Company's customer service and protection practices.

Service quality standards for voice service are established by the AR PSC. The Company consistently meets or exceeds those standards and provides reports to the AR PSC, in accordance with the AR PSC's rules.

With regard to broadband service, the Company provisions its network and equipment to ensure that its customers can enjoy the speeds to which they subscribe. However, Internet speeds generally result from a "best effort" service and are dependent upon a number of variables, many of which are outside the control of the Company. The Company also complies with the FCC's Open Internet rules, 47 C.F.R. §§8.3-8.11. These rules prohibit blocking, throttling, and paid prioritization, and also require the Company to publicly disclose information regarding its network management practices, performance, and the commercial terms of its broadband services.

The Company complies with any and all consumer protection obligations under state law.

The Company also complies with the following consumer best practices: (1) the Company discloses its rates and terms of service to customers; (2) the Company provides specific disclosures in its advertising; (3) the Company separately identifies carrier charges from taxes on its billing statements; (4) the Company provides ready access to customer service; (5) the Company promptly responds to consumer inquiries and complaints received from government agencies; and (6) the Company abides by policies for protection of consumer privacy.

Finally, the Company has a policy and established operating procedures that comply with the FCC's Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) rules (47 C.F.R. §§64.2001-64.2011).

LINE 610 - ABILITY TO FUNCTION IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Prairie Grove Telephone Company ("the Company") is able to function in emergency situations for both voice and broadband service. The Company has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source. Standby power generators are supplied at the central office, remote switch sites, and repeater sites to ensure functionality without an external power source until power is restored. The network is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.

The Company is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities. Although the Company's ability to reroute traffic around damaged facilities is not absolute and may be limited in certain circumstances, there is a restoration plan in place for expeditious recovery of service, including splicing of damaged facilities when warranted.

LINE 1010 – VOICE SERVICES RATE COMPARABILITY

The Wireline Competition Bureau's 2017 reasonable comparability benchmark for voice services is \$49.51, which includes the federal subscriber line charge ("SLC").

In the exchanges served by Prairie Grove Telephone Company ("the Company") the highest single-line residential local rate as of January 1, 2017, including any mandatory extended area service charge, was \$17.23. When the federal SLC (\$6.50) is included, the rate was \$23.73. Therefore, the Company's pricing of fixed voice services is less than the reasonable comparability benchmark of \$49.51.

¹ Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Results of 2017 Urban Rate Survey for Fixed Voice and Broadband Services, Posting of Survey Data and Explanatory Notes, and Required Minimum Usage Allowance for ETCs Subject to Broadband Public Interest Obligations, Public Notice, WC Docket No. 10-90, 32 FCC Rcd 1358 (2017).

LINE 1030 - BROADBAND SERVICES RATE COMPARABILITY

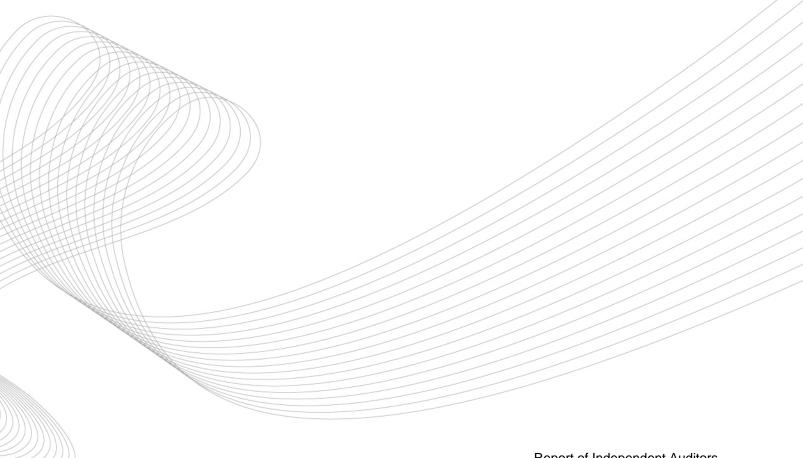
As of January 1, 2017, Prairie Grove Telephone Company was charging a residential rate of \$39.90 for broadband providing 10 Mbps download, 1 Mbps upload, and an unlimited usage allowance. This rate is lower than \$77.98, which is the 2017 reasonable comparability benchmark for the same offering established by the Wireline Competition Bureau. ¹

¹ Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Results of 2017 Urban Rate Survey for Fixed Voice and Broadband Services, Posting of Survey Data and Explanatory Notes, and Required Minimum Usage Allowance for ETCs Subject to Broadband Public Interest Obligations, Public Notice, WC Docket No. 10-90,32 FCC Rcd 1358 (2017).

LINE 3010 -CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST OBLIGATIONS

Prairie Grove Telephone Company ("the Company") hereby certifies that it has taken reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to reasonably comparable offerings in urban areas, and that requests for such service were met within a reasonable amount of time.

REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION



Report of Independent Auditors and Financial Statements for

Prairie Grove Telephone Company

December 31, 2016 and 2015



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Directors Prairie Grove Telephone Company

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Prairie Grove Telephone Company, which comprise the balance sheets as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related statements of income, stockholder's equity, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate for the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.



To the Board of Directors
Prairie Grove Telephone Company

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Prairie Grove Telephone Company as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Overland Park, Kansas

Moss Alams LLP

May 5, 2017



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PRAIRIE GROVE TELEPHONE COMPANY BALANCE SHEETS

ASSETS

December 31, 2016 2015

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents

Accounts receivable

Telecommunications accounts receivable Settlements and access accounts receivable, net Affiliate accounts receivable

Materials and supplies

Prepaid expenses and other current assets

Total current assets

INVESTMENTS AND NONCURRENT ASSETS

Investments in nonaffiliates
Other assets

Total investments and noncurrent assets

PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT

Regulated plant in service Regulated plant under construction Nonregulated plant in service

Less accumulated depreciation

Net property, plant and equipment

Total assets



PRAIRIE GROVE TELEPHONE COMPANY **BALANCE SHEETS**

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

December 31, 2016 **CURRENT LIABILITIES** Accounts payable Accounts payable, affiliates Accrued liabilities Total current liabilities LONG-TERM LIABILITIES Deferred credits STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY Capital stock, shares authorized, shares issued and outstanding Additional paid-in capital Retained earnings Total stockholder's equity

Total liabilities and stockholder's equity

2015

PRAIRIE GROVE TELEPHONE COMPANY STATEMENTS OF INCOME

Years Ended December 31, 2016 2015

OPERATING REVENUES

Wireline

Customer

Intercarrier

Interstate

Intrastate

Universal service support, federal Universal service support, state

Miscellaneous

Net operating revenues

OPERATING EXPENSES

Plant specific operations
Plant nonspecific operations
Depreciation and amortization
Customer operations
Corporate operations
Other operating taxes
Nonregulated

Total operating expenses

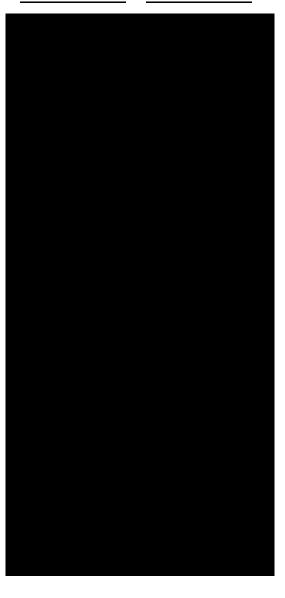
Net operating income

NONOPERATING INCOME (EXPENSE)

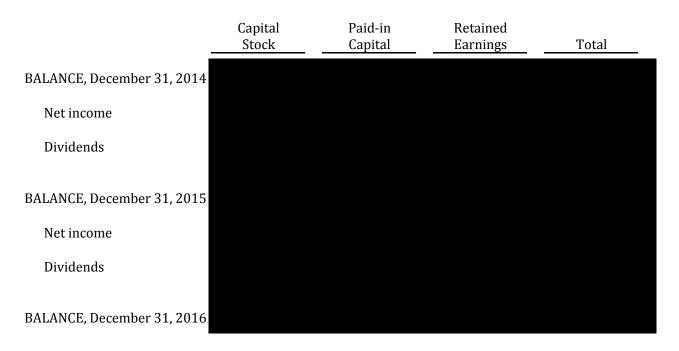
Interest and dividend income Other nonoperating expense

Total nonoperating expense

Net income



PRAIRIE GROVE TELEPHONE COMPANY STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY



PRAIRIE GROVE TELEPHONE COMPANY STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Years Ended December 31,

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Net income

Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash

from operating activities

Depreciation and amortization

Noncash income from investment

Change in assets and liabilities

Accounts receivable

Change in receivables/payables from affiliates

Materials and supplies

Prepaid expenses and other assets

Accounts payable

Accrued liabilities

Deferred credits

Net cash from operating activities

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Purchase of telecommunications plant

Redemption of investments

Proceeds from sales of telecommunications plant

Net cash from investing activities

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES Dividends paid

Net cash from financing activities

NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF NONCASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Investment transfer from affiliate



Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Description of entity – Prairie Grove Telephone Company (the Company) is a telecommunications company located in Prairie Grove, Arkansas. The Company provides landline telecommunications services to rural portions of northwest Arkansas. The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of DD&B, Inc. (the Parent).

The Company was incorporated under the laws of the state of Arkansas on October 4, 1906.

Accounting policies – The financial statements of the Company have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America that are applicable to rate-regulated public utilities. Such accounting principles are consistent, in all material respects, with accounting principles prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) under Part 32, *Uniform System of Accounts for Telecommunications Companies*.

Accounting estimates – The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that effect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant estimates include depreciation expense and interstate access revenue settlements.

Cash and cash equivalents – For the purposes of the statements of cash flows, the Company considers all highly-liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Valuation of accounts receivable – Accounts receivable are stated at the amount management expects to collect on outstanding balances. The Company reviews the collectability of accounts receivable annually based upon an analysis of outstanding receivables, historical collection information, and existing economic conditions. Receivables from subscribers are due 30 days after issuance of the subscriber bill. Receivables from other exchange carriers are typically outstanding 30 to 60 days before payment is due. Management provides for probable uncollectible amounts through a charge to earnings and a credit to a valuation allowance based on its assessment of the current status of individual accounts. Balances that are still outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the valuation allowance and a credit to accounts receivable. Management believes it has established adequate reserves for any risk associated with these receivables. The allowance for doubtful accounts was

Materials and supplies – Materials and supplies consist of fiber-optic cable, metallic cable, telephone equipment, and materials related to the telecommunications industry. Materials and supplies are stated at lower of average cost or net realizable value.

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Investments in nonaffiliates – Investments in nonaffiliates consist of the Company's ownership of the common stock of Associated Network Partners, Inc., NECA Services, Inc., National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative, and other miscellaneous investments. These investments have no readily determinable fair value and are recorded at cost. The Company has not identified any circumstances that would indicate possible impairments to the carrying values.

Property, plant, and equipment – Property, plant, and equipment are stated at original cost when first devoted to public service and includes assets that are jointly used for regulated and nonregulated activities. The cost of additions and substantial betterments of property, plant, and equipment is capitalized. The cost of additions to plant includes contracted work, direct labor, materials, and allocable overheads. The cost of maintenance and repairs is charged to operating expenses.

Property, plant, and equipment are depreciated using straight-line methods over their estimated useful lives. In accordance with composite group depreciation methodology, when a portion of the Company's depreciable property, plant, and equipment is retired in the ordinary course of business, the original cost is charged to accumulated depreciation.

Long-lived assets – The Company reviews the carrying value of its nonregulated long-lived assets for impairment whenever certain triggering events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amounts of any asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to future net cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized is measured by the excess of the carrying amount over the fair value of the assets. No triggering events were identified by management for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

Revenue recognition – Monthly service fees derived from local network service are billed one month in advance but recognized in the month that service is provided.

Usage sensitive revenues, such as access (revenues earned for originating/terminating long-distance calls) and retail long-distance, are generally billed as a per-minute charge.

Network access revenues also include settlements based on the Company's participation in the revenue pools administered by the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA). Settlement revenues are determined by annually prepared separations and interstate access cost studies. These studies are prepared subsequent to year-end and, therefore, the related revenues are recorded on the books based on an estimate of the Company's costs, NECA pool earnings, and on other assumptions related to information utilized in the preparation of the Company's cost study. Revenues for the current year are based on estimates prior to the submission of the cost study reporting actual results of operations. The studies are subject to a 24-month pool adjustment period by NECA. There was an insignificant revenue impact in 2016 and 2015 for adjustments related to prior year differences between the recorded estimates and actual revenues. Management does not anticipate that the 2016 and 2015 recorded revenues will require significant adjustment in future years.

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Network access revenues include settlements from NECA that compensate the Company for the digital subscriber line transport related to the provision of Internet services by its nonregulated affiliate.

The Company's wireline Universal Service Fund (USF) revenue is intended to compensate the Company for the high cost of providing rural telephone service. USF revenue includes funds received for high cost loop support (HCLS), interstate common line support (ICLS), Connect America Fund (CAF), Arkansas High Cost Fund (ARHCF), and other miscellaneous programs. HCLS and ICLS are based on the Company's current relative level of operating expense and plant investment. Support from the CAF is based on a historical frozen amount related to 2011 investment and expenses associated with the switching function and certain 2011 intrastate access revenues, which together make up the CAF base. The CAF base will be reduced by five percent each year in determining CAF support. The ARHCF is a state USF provided to telecommunications companies in Arkansas and is allocated to each company based on their relative uncapped federal HCLS.

Regulation – The Company's services are subject to rate regulation as follows:

- Local telephone and intrastate access revenues and ARHCF are regulated by the Arkansas Public Service Commission. The FCC also has assumed preemptive authority to regulate intrastate telecommunications services, including intrastate access rates.
- Interstate access revenues are regulated by the FCC through its regulation of rates and settlements procedures as administered by NECA.
- Universal service support revenues are administered by Universal Service Administrative Company, based on rules established by the FCC.

Other sources of revenues are not rate regulated. They include long-distance, equipment sales, directory, rents, billing, and other incidental services.

Nonregulated expenses and nonregulated plant are directly attributable to nonregulated services.

All other operating expenses and telecommunications plant are related primarily to wireline revenues; however, some of these costs jointly relate to regulated and nonregulated services. For interstate access settlement, USF, rate case, and other regulatory purposes, the portion of these common costs related to nonregulated activities are removed in accordance with Part 64 of the FCC rules in order to ensure regulated revenues are based on costs of providing regulated services.

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

The FCC released an Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM) in 2016 that reforms the High Cost Program supporting rate-of-return carriers. The FCC has also created a mechanism to ensure the \$2 billion budget for Universal Service Support is not exceeded. The following changes have been implemented to modernize the program:

- Provides support for stand-alone broadband;
- Requires broadband deployment based on the number of locations lacking service and the cost of providing service;
- Requires allowances for capital investments and limits on operational expenses; and
- Phases out support for areas served by a qualifying competitor.

The FNPRM also created two paths to a Connect America Fund for rate of return carriers. The model based option is voluntary and is a fixed amount of support for ten years. The legacy mechanism reforms the existing ICLS mechanism to support stand-alone broadband and will now be known as the Connect America Fund Broadband Loop Support (CAF BLS). The Company is expected to receive support under the legacy mechanism in future years.

Concentration of market risk – The Company receives a significant portion of its annual operating revenues from federal and state USF. For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, revenues from federal and state USF represent approximately revenues, respectively, of operating revenues.

Concentrations of credit risk – The Company maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts, which, at times, may exceed federally-insured limits. The insured limit is \$250,000 per institution. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts. Management believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash and cash equivalents.

Income taxes – The Company has elected to be taxed under the provisions of Subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code and files a consolidated income tax return with DD&B, Inc. Earnings and losses are included in the personal income tax returns of the stockholders and taxed depending on their personal tax strategies. Accordingly, the Company will not incur income tax obligations, and financial statements do not include a provision for income taxes.

The Company records uncertain tax positions if the likelihood the position will be sustained upon examinations is less than 50 percent. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Company had no amounts related to uncertain tax positions. In accordance with the *Uniform System of Accounts* prescribed by the FCC, interest and penalties, if any, are recorded as interest expense and other expense, respectively, and are excluded from income tax expense.

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Taxes imposed by governmental authorities – The Company's customers are subject to taxes assessed by various governmental authorities on many different types of revenue transactions with its customers. These specific taxes are charged to and collected from the Company's customers and are subsequently remitted to the appropriate taxing authority. These taxes are accounted for on a net basis and are excluded from revenues.

Subsequent events – Subsequent events are events or transactions that occur after the balance sheet date but before the financial statements are available to be issued. The Company recognizes in the financial statements the effects of all subsequent events that provide additional evidence about conditions that existed at the date of the balance sheet, including the estimates inherent in the process of preparing the financial statements. The Company's financial statements do not recognize subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that did not exist at the date of the balance sheet but arose after the balance sheet date and before the financial statements are available to be issued.

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through May 5, 2017, which is the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

Reclassification – Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2015 financial statements to conform to the 2016 presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on net income or stockholder's equity as previously reported.

Note 2 - Property, Plant, and Equipment

Telecommunications plant balances, together with accumulated depreciation, consist of the following at December 31:

	Depreciable	Plant	Accumulated	2016	2015
	Life	Account	Depreciation	Net Balance	Net Balance
Regulated telecommunications plant					
General support assets					
Central office assets					
Cable and wire facilities assets					
Leasehold improvements					
Plant under construction					
Nonregulated telecommunications plant					
Pay stations					
Leased phones					
General support assets					

Note 3 - Deferred Credits

Deferred credits consist of the long-term portion of unearned lease revenue associated with a dark fiber indefeasible right to use (IRU) agreement in which the Company received advanced payment totaling The Company recognizes the lease revenue over the 20-year term of the IRU.

Note 4 - 401(k) Plan

The Company has a 401(k) profit-sharing plan covering substantially all employees. The Company matches 50 percent of the first six percent of the employees' contributions. The Company's contributions to the plan are determined annually by the Board of Directors. Contributions to the plan were approximately , respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

Note 5 - Related-Party Transactions

The Company, in the normal course of business, provides local, long-distance, and wholesale DSL services at tariffed rates to related parties. Wholesale DSL charges billed to the related parties were , respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

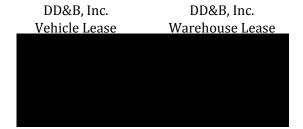
The Company leases vehicles from the Parent. These leases were renewed effective January 1, 2016 with a 36-month term. Lease payments for the vehicles were approximately respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

The Company has a lease agreement with the Parent for a warehouse. The lease is for a 60-month period beginning January 1, 2013. Lease payments were approximately ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

Future minimum rentals based on fully distributed cost for all lease commitments are estimated to be as follows:

Year ending December 31, 2017 2018

Total lease commitments



Note 6 - Revenue

Wireline revenues classified on the statements of income consist of the following:

- Customer revenues include end-user charges, such as the subscriber line charge, Federal Universal Service Charge, and Access Recovery Charge.
- Universal Service support includes the amounts received from the federal USF for HCLS and the ARHCF, ICLS, and CAF.
- All access charge and settlement revenue, except as described above, is classified as intercarrier revenue.

Miscellaneous revenues consist of the following for the years ending December 31:

Miscellaneous

Equipment sales

Directory

Billing and collection

Other

Uncollectible

Total miscellaneous revenues

